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HONGKONG, MAY 6TH 1909.

The opening years of the Nineteenth Century found Europe presided over by a batch of sovereigns the most intellectual of whom hardly reached the standard of bare mediocrity, and it was on account mainly of this low intellectual capacity of those who were intrusted with the interests of the Continent that a young French Lieutenant of Artillery succeeded in not only entering every capital; but in submitting the whole to his own private rule, and in establishing a Napoleonic family régime from the Atlantic to the Vistula. In curious contrast with this unpropitious beginning the close of the century found the interests of Europe in the hands of a number of monarchs, many of whom were distinguished by personal characteristics as individuals, and the whole of whom, almost without exception, were possessed of abilities far above those usually appertaining to the wearers of crowns. Perhaps it was only a case of natural action and reaction, and the simple effect of that ruling yet mysterious law of Nature that ever seeks to reduce things mundane to an average; yet whatever the cause the effect is outside the reach of controversy. Strangely, too, the phenomenon has not been confined to Europe, but has shown a distinct tendency to become world-wide.

If our own boorish King GEORGE III., for whom the nation could find no fitter appellation than "Farmer George", had at the close of the eighteenth century succeeded in almost bringing about the break-up of the British Empire; it curiously remained

for his Grand-daughter, Queen VICTORIA, to be the first to restore the lost prestige of the ruling houses. Gifted with a mental capacity rather above the average, the main feature in her character was that, rarest amongst the rulers of the day, of an intense devotion to duty. The example set by her fortunately commended itself to her fellow monarchs, so that the latter half of the century was marked by an almost entirely new class of sovereigns, of whom more especially may be mentioned, the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH, King VICTOR EMANUEL (the Galantuomo) and King OSCAR. The destructive wars of the beginning of the century had had a sedative effect, and the nations were bent rather on recuperation than on expansion; almost the only exception having been the Tsar NICOLAS I. of Russia. Not only the moral qualities were advanced, but towards the end of the century, and more so in the opening years of the twentieth, the intellectual grasp of the Rulers, be they in this respect crowned heads or presidents of Republics.

The improved intellectual grasp in Europe was apparently accompanied by a tendency to patronise the less advanced sovereigns and people of the East. Egypt fell under the protection of Great Britain; while Turkey, it was taken for granted, would under the benevolent aegis of a united Europe of her own account take the road towards more civilised administration. But the weak and incapable ABDUL AZIZ allowed himself to become the minion of a Russian representative, who stood by with complacency while he saw that Sultan knowing the vital out of the land, and the people at last in desperation deposed their incapable ruler. A new sovereign placed hastily on the throne proved equally helpless, and after a few months, disorder, in August 1879 the late Sultan ABDUL HAMID was placed on the throne. As an intellectual ruler, HAMID was no advance on his predecessor; as an administrator he proved little better, and Russia taking the opportunity to declare war, Turkey was refused by the treaty of San Stefano, to the brink of extinction. Taking up the standpoint that the substitution of Russian rule for Turkish would be merely an exchange of King Loos for King Storks,—of Russian for Turkish barbarism,—the public opinion of Europe intervened, and Sultan ABDUL HAMID under the ordinance of the Congress of Berlin got a brand new tenure of the Sultanate,—this time, it was understood, to be administered during good behaviour.

But HAMID, although of as low mental calibre as his predecessor, and as little tormented with any conscientious scruples, possessed what often accompanies a low grade of intellect, a highly developed animal cunning. He soon saw that the mutual jealousies of the Powers would prevent their uniting for any effective measures of control; so, adroitly taking advantage of this weakness, and playing one against the other, he determined to rule as his momentary whim dictated, regardless of any expression of public opinion to the contrary. Germany, who had extensive schemes of her own regarding railways in Anatolia, now played the part formerly acted by Russia, and championed the Sultan in his reactionary policy; so that affairs, so far from improving went steadily from bad to worse, until last year disorder became so rampant in Bulgaria that the Powers found it actually necessary to establish an international constabulary. ABDUL HAMID though nominally coinciding in the arrangement made use of all his powers of intrigue to render the new force inutile, so that the disorders instead of abating actually grew worse. The disorders were not confined by any means to Bulgaria, but were spreading through the empire, in all parts of which disaffection was becoming rampant. It was under these circumstances that the more advanced party, finding remonstrances utterly useless, and the old reactionary party growing, becoming every day more influential with the Sultan, determined to make a bold stroke, and finding that the army at large was in favour of reform of the administration, rose en masse and demanded parliamentary government. Sultan HAMID at once saw that he had no power of resistance, so seemingly accepting with a good grace the inevitable he for a few days posed as a full-fledged constitutional monarch, and swore to accept the new Constitution. The foreign Powers, though they well knew the character of the sovereign with whom they were dealing, affected to believe the professions of the Sultan, and acknowledged, with congratulations, the new parliamentary régime.

But the leopard does not naturally change his skin, nor will any amount of washing turn the Negro white; so Sultan HAMID, while openly acknowledging the Parliament, was all the while in secret plotting with the reactionaries its destruction, and doing his best to bring to Constantinople a sufficient number of troops devoted to the old régime.

It was this that brought down on him the chiefs of the new army, who at once determined to march on Constantinople, and seize the Sultan before he had succeeded in re-establishing the old order. It is characteristic of the new state of affairs that the march on Constantinople was accomplished without any disorder; perfect discipline was maintained, and though a good deal of blood has been spilled, and an actual state of war existed for some days, fighting has all been above board and no private plunder has to be deplored. It had become patent to all that the Sultan's words could not be trusted, and that it would only lead to a renewal of disorder were he again to be restored to power, so it was arranged to quietly depose him, taking care to respect his person while depriving him of the means of renewing his intrigues. In all former cases of deposition in Turkey the deposed sovereign has had to pay the penalty of his misdeeds with his life. It was evident, however, that in the case of Sultan HAMID, the men himself was a most too insignificant to be made the object of mere revenge. Still it was clear that the new government could not afford to permit him to carry on with impunity his old intrigues; so it was decided to send him under strong guard to Salonika, a district known to be strongly constitutional, and keep him there in honourable captivity. Another man than the sometime Sultan HAMID would probably resent such treatment, but there is no reason to suppose that HAMID will, beyond the momentary annoyance of finding himself debarred from his old game, feel any indignity at his new position. For some thirty years it was only what he had inflicted on his own brother and heir presumptive, RESHID EFFENDI, and it has been the traditional fate of every new relative of the Turkish reigning house to be either put to death, or, if the reigning monarch were of milder disposition, to be blinded, or at the least imprisoned for life.

To be shut up with the favourites of his harem in a palace at Salonika, will probably strike this last degenerate section of the house of Osman as not far removed from the height of human felicity. Sultan HAMID is now in his sixty-seventh year, so that his happy fate is little likely to meet with much sympathy at home or abroad. It is to be hoped that with his indolent pretexts for Continental intrigue will be removed off the board. His successor who has seemingly learnt wisdom in the hard school of experience, is hardly likely to venture on the same dangerous sea that has brought his brother to an ignominious if personally pleasant end. Sultan MAHMUD V. has never displayed an unusual versatility of intellect, but on the other hand has been careful, with every temptation, to avoid being mixed up in dangerous political schemes; and this in Turkey's exhausted condition is a good omen for the future.

When the steamer Djambi which was sunk some few months ago by a French Mail steamer was put up to auction at Singapore last week, the highest bid offered was \$300. The steamer was bought in and will again be put up for auction.

Four messroom boys from H.M.S. "Moonraker" were brought before Mr. Hazell at the Magistrate's yesterday charged with having stolen quantities of jam and tea. One was discharged but the others were sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment each.

Before Commander Basil E. H. Taylor R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday, the coxswain of a launch had his certificate suspended for two months for failing to observe the rule of the road, and thereby running down a small boat belonging to a trading junk.

The Chinese Imperial High Commissioner, Tang Shao-yi, and other members of the special mission were received in audience by the German Emperor at Potsdam last month. The First Class of the Prussian Order of the Crown has been conferred upon Tang Shao-yi and upon the Duke Tsai-fu, and minor decorations have been conferred upon other members of the mission.

We have been favoured by the publishers with a copy of the War Cry, the Salvation Army journal, in which we notice several references to the work of the Army in Japan and Korea. There is a picture of a property acquired at Dalny by the Army. A substantial hall put up by the Russians as a general post office has been purchased there for 3,600 yen, and the proposed alterations and the building of a wall round the property will cost another thousand yen.

The first of the China Consular Reports for the year 1908 is to hand. It is the report on the Trade of Antung by Mr. W. P. M. Russell, the acting Consul, who says that having regard to the general trade depression throughout the north of China, Antung trade may be said on the whole to have been satisfactory through the year, and that merchants, both Chinese and Japanese, seem to look forward with confidence to a promising season in view of the decision to reconstruct the railway to Mukden, which will conduce to commercial activity in many directions.

Mr. J. S. Doble, the Hongkong Agent of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., informs us that he is in receipt of advice that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 17th April amounted to 28,907.80 tons, and the sales during the period to 26,977.75.

An interesting opium case was mentioned at the Magistrate's yesterday. A Chinese residing at 3 Jubilee Street had been found with a quantity of opium in his possession, and he had been liberated on a bail of \$60, which was about the value of the opium. Since then the excise officers discovered, concealed in the ceiling of the house, a long tube which had apparently held about 40 maces. When defendant did not appear at the Magistrate's yesterday Mr. Hogarth, excise officer, informed his Worship that the bail was inadequate but Mr. Hazell replied that he was sorry he could not assist as it was a matter to be arranged with the police. The bail was accordingly estimated.

There is a movement in France to extend the cultivation of rice in Indo-China by investing capital and improving the native methods of cultivation. The export rice trade centres in the port of Saigon—the quantity going to Europe being about one-fourth of the total. But Saigon rice, owing to the coarse appearance of the grain, does not find favour in Europe as a food-stuff, and is used preferably for industrial purposes such as the manufacture of starch and in distilleries. On the other hand, Saigon rice finds ready buyers in Japan and in Netherlands India. The Philippines, too, draw upon Saigon. But China is the leading customer of Indo-China, and it takes on the average about one-half of the rice exported from the Colony. China cannot grow grain enough to feed its 400 millions of inhabitants, and Indo-China comes in handy to make up the difference.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

May, 4th.

EXAGGERATED REPORTS OF PLAGUE.
A circular printed in Chinese has been issued, inviting the public to attend a meeting at the Chinese Hospital to consider the desirability of erecting a machine on the Chinese side of the boundary for the reception of patients suffering from plague. This alarm is quite unjustified. Plague is not epidemic in the city, and the calling of a meeting to provide special accommodation for plague patients seems to be the work of some irresponsible busy bodies.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER THE OPIUM MONOPOLY.
At noon yesterday Senhor Joao M. Garcia, the Administrator, took possession of the Opium Farm, and the Government is now conducting the business, with expert Chinese assistance. Mr. Basso, the solicitor representing the Opium Farm, formally protested against the action of the Government.

MISCELLANEOUS.
As a result of the meeting that took place on Saturday last at the Leal Senado the telegrams of which I furnished a summary have been sent to Lisbon.

When will the postage rate be reduced from here to Hongkong and Canton?

It is rumoured that a young man named Hilario has been mutilated in Chinese territory. Our river Gunboat (which has been overhauled in the Kowloon Dock) will soon be ready for service in our water.

The Kermesse for the benefit of the Italian Convent yielded over one thousand dollars.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A highway robbery in Hongkong was reported to the police yesterday. The particulars supplied are to the effect that a cattle dealer from Kennedy town and his two sons were proceeding citywards at four o'clock yesterday morning, and when near the Kwong Tung Hotel they were stopped by three men who represented themselves to be excise officers and demanded that the cattle dealer and his sons should allow themselves to be searched for opium. They complied and the cattle dealer and his companions squatted on the ground. The first named opened his bundle whereupon the robbers struck the men over the heads with iron bars, and made off with the \$700 which was in the cattle dealer's bundle.

THE CIRCUS.

The Hippodrome continues to delight fairly large audiences nightly, the varied programme of clever, witty and sensational events affording amusement to all. The new programme is equally as entertaining as last week's, the equestrian acts being well done, while some of the acrobatic feats are little short of marvellous. One of the best turns in the performance is that accomplished by two of the Mysore Troupe. One of the men balances a bamboo pole, about twenty feet long, perpendicularly on his shoulder, while the second climbs to the top of this and balances there. Mlle. E. Walbourg, and her well trained and beautiful white steed give an excellent exhibition of scenes on a battlefield, and her appearance as Napoleon before Moscow was well worthy of the great applause with which she was greeted. Then there is the silver wire walking exhibition, clever dancing, trick cycling and the always appreciated and wonderful entrance of the lion tamer.

At the matinee yesterday afternoon children from the orphanages were admitted free, and no doubt they will always remember with gratitude the management of the Hippodrome Circus for giving them the opportunity of seeing an excellent performance.

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THE SHANGHAI RACES.

THIRD DAY RESULTS.

SHANGHAI, May 5th.

The results of to-day's meeting were as follows:—

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE.—Value, Tls. 250. Second Pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies that have run at this setting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of one Race at this Meeting: 7 lbs. extra; two or more Races, 10 lbs. extra. Jockeys who have won an Official Race allowed 5 lbs. Seven Furlongs.

Mr. Beverly's Brookton, (Vida) Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Fatho. (Hayes) 2

Mr. Oswald's Ravenshoe, (Wuilleumier) 3

Time, 1:45-2:5, record.

THE RUBICON PLATE.—Value Tls. 250. Second Pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies, being bona fide Griffins at date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. MacWatt's Russley Cummings) 1

Mr. Noeg's Fabulus (Moller) 2

Mr. Jeroni's King Cole (Wuilleumier) 3

Time, 2:38-4/5.

THE SHANTUNG STAKES.—Value, Tls. 200. Second Pony, Tls. 50. Third Pony, Tls. 25. A forced entry for all Subscription Griffins otherwise entered at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of one Race, 5 lbs. extra; two Races, 10 lbs. extra. Unplaced Ponies allowed 5 lbs. One mile.

Mr. Wingard's Banff (Moller) 1

Mr. Kame's Vingt-et-un, (Vida) 2

Mr. W. G. Pirie's Yeoman, (Cunning) 3

Time, 2:06-3/5.

THE PARI-MUTUEL STAKES.—Value, Tls. 300. Second Pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins at date of entry allowed 7 lbs. A penalty of 7 lbs. for Non-Starters and Winners at this Meeting. One mile and a half.

Mr. Buxey's Celia Rose (Vida) 1

Mr. N. W. Hickling's Maybury (Spain) 2

Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Susquehanna (Hayes) 3

Time, 3 mins. 10-2/5 secs.

THE RACING STAKES.—Value, Tls. 250. Second Pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies, having not run before 1st January 1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins at date of entry, and Non-Winners at any Meeting, allowed 5 lbs. extra. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's Kirkcubright (Johnstone) 1

Mr. Dick Turpin's Vanguard, (Springfield) 2

Mr. Hayes' Seafarer, (Poulsen) 3

Time, 2m. 04-2/5 secs.

THE YANKEE CUP.—Value, Tls. 250. Second Pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies that have run at the meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner at this Meeting 5 lbs. extra. Unplaced Ponies allowed 5 lbs. One mile and Three-Quarters.

Mr. Toeg and Speelman's Stirrup Cup. (Hayes) 1

Mr. Toeg and Speelman's Spree (Alderton) 2

Mr. Saso-Bernard's Sagittarius (Moller) 3

Time 3m. 44-4/5 secs.

THE MARCONI STAKES.—Value, Tls. 250. Second Pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins at date of entry that have run and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dick Turpin's Vengeance (Springfield) 1

Mr. B. McGregor's Platypus (Cunning) 2

Mr. Harty's Doboszek (Alderton) 3

Time 2m. 38-4/5 secs.

THE CONSOLATION CUP.—Value, Tls. 250. Second Pony, Tls. 75. If five or more starters, Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile, and a quarter.

Messrs. Morris and Ayecough's Medfield (Moller) 1

Mr. Oswald's Ravenshoe (Wuilleumier) 2

Mr. California's Sacto (Dalgarro) 3

Time 2m. 37-4/5 secs.

THE ORPHEON SWEEPSTAKES.—Value, Tls. 500. Second Pony Tls. 200. Third Pony, Tls. 100. For all China Ponies Winners at the Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Ballus Gemini (Moller) 1

Mr. Durgay's China (Jones) 2

Mr. Beverly's Worcester (Linton) 3

Time 2m. 33-4/5 secs.

THE NIP DESPERADO CUP.—Value, Tls. 200. Second Pony, Tls. 50. Third Pony, Tls. 25. For Subscription Griffins of this Meeting that have run and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced Ponies allowed 5 lbs. Seven Furlongs.

Mr. Thimble's Giliak (Lanning) 1

Mr. Jedmer's Oreil (Hailton) 2

Mr. Fom's Monstique (Cunning) 3

Time 1m. 48-3/4 secs.

BANDMANN DRAMATIC COMPANY.

No greater compliment could have been paid this talented combination than the request to repeat their performance of "The Worst Woman in London," a play which has met with the same success here that it has at home. It is full of thrilling absorbing interest, relieved with a little light comedy, and it delights those who have any appreciation for real drama. Last night's production, though not witnessed by a large audience, was as artistic and as effective as that of the previous night.

LUCKY FOR VIGAR.

During one of the banquets of the Church Congress in London a certain Bishop had as his left hand companion a clergyman who was completely bald. During desert the bald-headed vicar dropped his napkin and stopped to pick it up. At this moment the Bishop, who was talking to his right hand neighbor, felt a slight touch on his left arm. He turned, and beholding the vicar's pate on a level with his elbow, said, "No, thank you; no melon."

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ANARCHY IN BUENOS AYRES.

200,000 MEN ON STRIKE.

LONDON, May 4th.

Serious Socialist troubles continue in Buenos Ayres. Two thousand troops have been brought in to reinforce the garrison. The work of the port is paralysed and the tram-cars are held up. The number of strikers is estimated at 200,000.

THE DELIMITATION OF MACAO.

LONDON, May 4th.

Portugal has ordered General Joachim Machado to start for Macao immediately to assist in the delimitation of the boundaries of the city.

RECEPTION OF THE BUDGET.

LONDON, May 5th.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in the House of Commons, said he was gratified at the reception accorded the Budget, and pointed out that criticism was practically confined to the propositions to tax land and licences, in which Britain was merely following the lead of other states, including the Colonies. He anticipated a large surplus in 1910 and declared that the Navy would be the first call.

CHOTA HAZEL.

The *Lenet* has been discussing the early morning cup of tea, which it admits is a source of comfort and refreshment to a good many persons. When tea, properly infused, is harmful at all it is, our contemporary asserts, when it is taken without food—that is to say, when the stomach is empty—but milk neutralises the tannin substance, and thus precludes their acting as irritants. The most correct argument against the early morning cup of tea (it is added) is that, as in many cases, at all events, the tea is swallowed before the mouth and teeth are cleansed, the septic potentialities accumulated in the mouth overnight are washed into the stomach, and a poisoning process in the system might thus easily be begun. This is not improbably a source of gastric catarrh in some individuals who drink their early morning tea before they leave their bed. The moral, of course, should be clean before food, and especially before warm drink is indulged in.

PROSPEROUS AUSTRALIA.

REMARKABLE LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS OUTLINED.

Mr. Deakin, speaking at Hobart, referred to the growth of the material prosperity of the Commonwealth since the establishment of Federation. The area under crops, he said had increased by a million acres and there had been increases of £150,000 in the returns from agriculture; £4,000,000 in the returns from manufactures; £5,750,000 in the returns from mineral productions; and £180,000 in the returns from pastoral productions. Savings bank deposits had increased by £13,000,000 and the number of depositors by 300,000. The deposits in the banks had increased by £23,500,000, the imports had increased £7,000,000, and the exports £5,000,000. Overseas shipping had increased by two million tons. Inter-State trade had risen since Federation from £25,000,000 to £42,000,000. On the other hand the population had only increased by 500,000, which was unsatisfactory.

THE VALUE OF THE BREATHING CURE.

SATURATING THE SYSTEM WITH OXYGEN.

A writer in a London paper says:—The treatment of disease by deep inspiration is of great antiquity. The Samurai—the old Japanese aristocrat—understood it thoroughly, and cured himself of insomnia and other complaints by walking to the top of a high hill and breathing deeply. More, he ranged the fields in a state of nudity to oxygenise his entire body. Shelley, the poet, did this, and Franklin, too. Both passed many hours each day without their clothes. Father Knapp, who turned a village of huts into thriving town, applied the same principle. He treated everybody, from the late Empress of Austria to the peasants who surrounded him. Deep inspirations of perfectly fresh air fortify the organic nervous system, "determinations," equalise the blood circulation, diminish excitability, and correct morbid secretions. But every teacher of deep breathing who knows his business accentuates the fact that the mind must co-operate with the inspiration. Every muscle that is exercised with a club or a dumb-bell must have the mind focused on it for a perfect result. Every deep inspiration must be accompanied by the concentrated thought: "I am taking in nerve force." Now, moreover, wear the tyre at the new cure to beware of over-inflation. Great draughts of fresh air suddenly imported into a system unused to the new method will produce giddiness. But the effect soon passes, and the attacks gradually diminish. I have given a great deal of attention to this subject, and have been "deep breathing" for years. I know of nothing which so braces the system, hardens the muscles, and stimulates the nerves. Let the neophytes make a simple test. Let him open the window, sit in an easy chair, relax all his muscles, and take half a dozen deep and leisurely inspirations. He will get up from his chair a new man.

APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT OF THE
CHIEF JUSTICE.

conveyance made in order that the rents and profits of this estate should be placed in the hands of the receiver, and the principal hands to be handed over by the receiver eventually to whomsoever was entitled to the same.

In order to defeat that application Kwok Yik Ting voluntarily went out of possession, and allowed the Hip On and Yuen Shing Companies to go into possession as mortgagees. The position was perfectly clearly defined in Mr. Bowler's affidavit of October 26th. There was no order on Kwok compelling him to vacate possession, he went out voluntarily. He submitted that whatever the true state of the title to this property was, that as between Li Po Yung, Kwok Yik Ting and the Hip On and Yuen Shing Companies, the Yuen Shing was in possession of the legal estate and in actual physical possession of the property. Kwok Yik Ting had no interest in the property, and Li Po Yung was a mortgagee out of possession. The title as between those three had created an estoppel.

Yokohama on the 5th instant, and is due to arrive at this port on the 15th instant at noon.

The Indo-China str. *Kubung* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 3rd instant and may be expected here on or about the 10th instant.

The T.K.K. str. *Tonyo Maru* arrived at Francisco on the 3rd instant.

perhaps invidious to mention names, but a
tion should be made of Mr. Ho Kom Tong,
not only supplied the tea and aerated waters
the stall which was under his supervision but
sold 8-10 tickets, realising \$750, a hundred
these being sold to the girls of the On
Anglo-Chinese School at half price. More
he gave 2000 button holes and 25 bouquets,
proceeds from which went to the funds.

THE SUGAR TRADE IN JAPAN

		Catties.	
1898	...	274,915,600	
1899	...	112,663,400	
1900	...	195,399,900	
1901	...	264,625,300	
1902	...	85,366,200	
1903	...	97,363,300	
1204	...	71,553,900	
1905	...	8,122,200	
1906	...	35,443,200	
1907	...	33,354,700	

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	Variable w, light; fa
Formosa Channel	Variable w, light; fog
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MANILA, SHANGHAI	"HANYANG"	On 11th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA, SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 11th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA, SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 13th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA, SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 14th May, 4 P.M.
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MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 14th May, 4 P.M.
KOBE	"AMARA"	Saturday, 15th May, 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CANTON	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 18th May, 3 P.M.
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